THE FIGURE OF SIX.

Containing these Six things; Wit, Mirth, Pleasure, pretty Observations, new Conceits, and merry Jests.

When dayes are long, this Figure may
Help you to passe the time away:
And it wil breed you much delight,
To passe away the Winters night.

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TO make a larg preface to a ſmall Volume, were as ridiculous, as to ſet and Aldermans Gate before a poor Cottage; for as the one would ſhew a great diſproportion in building, ſo the other would tire the Reader to no purpoſe; and therefore I intend not to uſe many words to intreate thy acceptance of this *Figure* of *Six*, becauſe it may be, ſome delight more in dry Thiſtles, then in the weereſt Flowers that can bee gathered out of the Garden of Invention: but let them injoy their humour,

for I know there are Six kinds of Readers : the paine Reader, the ignorant Reader, the ſcoffing Reader, the conceited Reader, the carping Readed, and the kind Reader. Now to, the laſt ſo theſe Six, namely to the kinde Reader I commend this Figure of Six : and if he like it, I care not for the reſt, and ſo I reſt.

Thy Friend
D. N.

This Booke is like a Paire of Dice,
That doth run ſtill upon the ſice,
And two pence of it is the price.
The Figure of Six is liked well,
For tis ſix to one but it will ſell.

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1. SIx things are very hard to doe to pray heartily, to forgive willingly, to ſuffer patiently, to love moderatly, to love wiſely, and to ſpend thriftily.

2. Six things are much abuſed: Wine, Women, Weapons, Wit, Wealth, and a poore man in want.

3. Six heads are without Braines: an Arrow head, a Horſe head, a Nayles head, a Hammers head, a Beds head, and a Maiden head.

4. Six things are beſt when they are broken: A cunning Scrivener, a Nut, a Cake, a Lobſter, an Egge, and a good Jeſt.

5. Six things doe blinde judgement

Affection, Paſsion, Ignorance, Opinion, Hatred, and Bribery,

6. Six cruell long Bills: A Forreſt Bill, a Stewards Bill, a Watchmans Bill, a Chancery Bill, a Woodcocks Bill, and a Taylors Bill.

7. Six great helps belong to a Poet the helpe of Invention, the helpe of nature, the helpe of Art, the help of Reading, the helpe of the Muſes, and the helpe of Money.

8 Six chiefe Hearbs in the Garden: Sage, Time, Thrift, Batchelors Buttons, Roſemary, and the Hearbe of Grace.

9 Six figures of Six: The figure of Six in Arithmetick, the figure Six in ſmall Beer, the figure of Six in a horſes mouth, the figure of Six upon Cardes, the figure of Six in this Booke, and the figure of Six in ſilver

10. Six very painefull Letters: The head H, the tooth H, the back H, the belly H, the horn H, and the halter H:

11 Six things are neceſſary for ſchool, boyes: a Pen-knife, Quils, Paper, Inke-Books, and ſometimes Birch.

12 Six humours doe follow Love, Feare,

Feare, Hope, Idlenes Jealouſie, Sadneſſe and Madneſſe.

13. Six things doe live in a ſeverall Elements, A Camelion in the ayre, a Salamander in the fire, a Mole in the earth, a Fiſh in the water, a Foole in the Court, and a Drunkard in his Ale.

14. Six things are good in cold weather: good Fare, good Fires, good Drinke, good company, good jeſts, and a ſhe Bed-fellow

15 Six degrees of miſery: To be out of Cloathes, to be out of Money, be to out of Friends, to be out of Credit, to be out of houſe and home, and to be out of one ſenſes.

16. Six goodly ſights: to ſee a Tree full of fruit, a Garden full of Flowers, a field full of Cattell, a Barne full of Corne a woman with childe, and a ſhip under ſayle.

17. Six light things doe make man heavy hearted: Light penny-worths light pots, light purſes, light gold, light ſuppers, and light wives.

18. Six things are neceſſary to Life: Meat, drink, cloathing, lodging, health and ſome wealth.

19. Six things doe make no ſhew to the world: Wit in a blunt man, Learning in a wiſe man, ſtrength in a valiant man, wealth in a rich man, Religion in a good man, and vertue in a poore man.

20. Six things are much alike: The fawning of a Dogge, the flattering of a Knave, the ſcratching of an Aſſe, the greaſing of a Sow, the cackling of a Gooſe, and the kindneſſe of an Hoſt.

21. Six blind things: a blind Man, a blind Mold, a blind Buzzard, a blinde Beetle, *Homer* the blinde Writer, and *Cupid* the blind Archer.

22. Six things are neceſſary in a Chriſtian life: Faith, Hope, and Charitie, Love, Peace, and Unitie.

23. Six kinds of Prodigals: The fine Prodigall, the kind Prodigall, the drunken Prodigall, the dicing Prodigall, the witty Prodigall, and the wenching Prodigall

24 Six pleaſant Fruits: Cherries, Strawberries, Plumbs, Peaches, Peares and the fruit of Love.

25. Six angry things: A ſick man, a proud man, a conceited man, an upſtart Officer, a waſpe, and a woman.

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26. Six things are too much uſed: much eating, much drinking, much ſleeping much ſwearing, much pratign, and much lying.

27. Six things are very dangerous to take up: hot Iron, whole Pots, a ſeale from a Bond, dice among Cheaters, money upon Uſury, and a Maids petticoat.

28. Six kinds of Wormes: a Maltworme, a Muck worme, a Mud worme, an Earth worme, afruit-worme, and a Wood-worme.

29. Six things there are which drink of other mens coſt: an Hoſt, an Hoſtis, a Toſt, a Tapſter, a Fly, and a ſharker.

30. Six bad humers: a ſcoffing humour, a quarrelling humour, a proud humour, a zealous humour, a mad humour, and a melancholly humour.

31. Six great menders: Taylors, Coblers, Semſters, Tinkers, Glaſſe menders, and Bellowes menders.

32 Six things, doe ſoone vaniſh Youth Beauty, Strength, Mirth, Pleaſure, and haſty Love.

33. Six things are very ſharp ſighted: an Eagle, a Hawke, a Hearne, a needle, a jealous eye, and a hungry man.

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34 Six things are well matcht together: A ſlut and a ſloven, a knave and a foole, a ſcould and a deaf man, a whore and a blinde man, a Bride and a Bridegroome, an aſſe and a flatterer.

35 Six Schooles are much frequented: A Grammer ſchoole, a Writing ſchoole, a Drinking Shoole, a Dancing ſchoole a Fencing, ſchoole, and a Vaulting ſchoole

36 Six ill ſounds: The ſcraping of trenchers, the rubbing of iron on the howling of a Dog, the creaking of a wheele the crying of Cats, and the ſcolding of a ſhrew.

37 Six kinds of tame fowle live in *London*, prating Dawes, goſsiping Magpies, cheating Rookes, young Woodcocks, old Dottrels, and wanton Wagtayles.

38 Six eſſentiall parts belong to a Gallant: To weare good clothes, to ſweare great oathes, to ſpend ſoundly, to drinke profoundly, to complement with a friend, and to court a wench.

39 Six things are ſoone dry: A ditch in ſummer, a tap when the drink is out, a complementing Aſſe, a poore mand

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ſe, an *Aprill* ſhower and a widdowes
res.

o Six things are much deſired, but
dome found: A happy Life, a good
ſe, a carefull ſervant, an honeſt Pet-
fogger, a conſcionable man, and a
nſtant friend.

41. Six crackt things are never good:
crackt Glaſſe, a crackt Botile, a crackt
ddle, a crackt Groat, a crackt crowne,
d a crackt Maiden-head.

42 Six things are very tedious: To
by an ill tire, to heare a long tale, to
urt a coy wench, to ride on a jade, to
pect the returne of a ſlow carryer,
nd to lye in bead and looke for a ſweet-
eart.

43 Six *Items* are reckoned in Innes:
tem for meat, *Item* for bread, *Item* for
rinke, *Item* for fruit and cheeſe, *Item* for
re, and *Item* for kiſsing Hoſtis

44 Six chiefe faculities belong to the
eaſonable ſoul: Speech, Laughter, Rea-
ſon, Underſtanding, Will, and Election
of good and bad.

45. Six renowned Greeke Poets: *Pin-
darier, Euripides, Nonnius, Theognis, Heſiod,*
and *Homer.*

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46. Six kinds of water: cold wate
hot water, ſtrong water, ſtomack water
Roſe water, and *Roſe* the Chambe
maids water.

47. Six things belong to a Husban
man to manure his ground, to plou
his ground, to ſow his Corne, to rea
his Corne, to threſh his Corne, and
ſell his Corne.

48. Six ſteps bring men to Tyburne
Idleneſſe brings men to ill company, i
company brings waſteful ſpending, waſ
full ſpending brings want, want brin
ſtealing, and ſtealing brings them to t
Gallowes.

49. Six things doe deſire to meet
a foe with his foe in the Field, a frien
with his friend, the jet with ſtraw, th
Load ſtone with Iron, the Male wit
the Female, and the Lover with hi
ſweet heart.

50. Six things are required in a Gen-
tleman: Birth, Education, Learning
Vertiue, Courteſie and Courage.

51. Six comfortable things doe be
long to a Traveller; a good horſe, goo
company, good boots good waies goo
ſtore of money, & a good Inne at nigh

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52. Six in inferiour ignorant Artists: A tinker to a Brasier, a Cobler to a Shoomaker, a Clarke to a Lawyer, an Apothecary to a Physian, a Botcher to a Taylor, and a Rimer to a Poet,

53. Six things are never satisfied: The Pirstineile of the Sea, the covetousnesse of an Usuer, Hell, Ambition, the Grave, and an insatiate woman.

54. Six necessary charges belong to poore house-keepers: Firing, Candle, Bread, Drinke, Food, and to pay their Land-Lords Rent,

55. Six things are that are good in sheep: his Wooll for cloths, his skin for parchment, his dung to fat the ground, his flesh for meat, his bones for dice, and his guts for Fiddle-strings.

56. Six kind of Runners are much used: A running Footman, a running Jackey, a running head a running vessel, a running horse, a running hound, and a running banquet

57 Six things will make a man weep when he hath no cause of sorrow: To peele Onions and Garlike, to sit by a smoaking fire, to drinke Botul-ale, to eat Mustard, and to sup hotbroht

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58 Six things there are which t
greateſt Orator cannot perſwade: T
perſwade a foole from his folly, a de
man to heare, a ſcould to be quiet, a m
that has a cold to leave coughing, a ma
to leave her ſweet heart and a man
pay the reckoning that has no money.

59 Six things doe make an Inne
be well cuſtomed: good lodging, goo
horſemeat, good attendance, good uſag
a fine Hoſtis and a fine ſigne.

60 Six great Talkers are ſeldome b
leeved: a fortune-teller, a Travelle
a Midwife, an old man, a Lawyer an
an Iriſh man.

61. Six commendations belong to
good Horſe: to be well metled, to hav
a good pace, a good colour a faire man
a faire taile, and to be well markt.

62 Six Games are much uſed: Iriſh
Tick-tack, Bowling, Shooting, Ruffe
and In and In

63 Six things there are which Maid
deſire: to be prais'd to be woo'd, to b
flatter'd, to be kis'd by their ſweet
heart, to bee married, to be refreſhed
&c.

64 Six kinds of wanton creature

Apes, Munkies, Kitlings, young Whelps Parrots, and wanton wenches.

65. Six things are seldome or never seene: A white Crow a blacke Swan, a faithlesse Turtle dove, an Owle in the day time, a Swallow in Winter, and a Friend in adversity.

66 Six kinds of Hooks: Fish hooks, Flesh hooks, Tenter hooks, Doore-hooks, Pot-hooks, and shouder-hooks, or Serjeants.

67. Six essentiall properties belong to a Lover: to love truly, to love honestly, to love discreetly, to love chastely, to love faithfully, and to love constantly.

68 Six things are unpossible to bee done: to catch a shower of Hayle in a bottle, to empt the Sea with a spoone, to tell the haire of ones head, to finde a needle in a bundle of Hay, to finde a Maiden head in the court Russes, and to turne a windmill sailes with a paire of Bellowes.

69 Six things doe commonly goe together: lying and swearing, drinking and quarrelling, prid and beggery, love and idlenesse, wit and wilfulnesse, beauty and wantonnesse.

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70. Six kinds of people not to be-beleeved : Horſe-courſers, Brokers, Travellers, Petty-foggers, Beggers, and Souldiers.

71. Six things do make an excellent receit for the recovery of Maiden-heads : The Brains of a Beetle, the hearts of an humble Bee, an handfull of Rue, with an ounce of *London* deliverance, boyled over the fire of a Glow-worme, with the water of Pumiceſtone, which at the ſecond taking will reſtore it, or never.

72. Six things belong to a ſhepheard a Hooke, a Scrip, a Bottle, a Tarbox, a Bag-pite, an old cloake, and a young wench wrapt in it.

73. Six chiefe buſineſſes belong to a Houſewife : Brewing, baking, ſpinning, Carding, Waſhing, and Milking.

74. Six very unconſtant things : the Wind, for that's alwaies turning, the Moone, for that's alwaies changing, the Sea, for that's alwaies ebbing and flowing, a gliding ſtreame, for that's alwaies running, a Childe, for hee's alwaies craving, and a woman, for ſhee's alwaies wavering.

57 Six things doe bring men to want: Careleſneſſe, Unthriftineſſe, Idleneſſeſſe, Wantonneſſe, Pride and prodigality.

76. Six things can never hold out long: drinking without eating, watching without ſleeping, eating without drinking, clothes without mending, giving without recovering, and ſpending without getting.

77 Six things are required in a well ſhap'd Gray hound: to bee backt like a Beame, ſided like a Breame, footed like a Cat, tayled like a Rat, breaſted like a Drage, and headed like a Snake.

178 Six things would make a man laugh: to ſee a Fox turne Lawyer to ſee Geeſe turne Clyents, to heare an Owle ſing, to ſee an Ape play his tricks, to ſee a Cat play on the Fiddle, and to ſee a Gooſe dance to the Muſicke.

79. Six hard ſteps lead to Heaven: Croſſes, Afflictions, Troubles, Contempt of men, Want and Povertie.

80 Six helps there are to climbe theſe ſteps; Prayer, Patience, Humility, Faith, Zale, and hope in God.

81 Six morall vertues are of chiefe note: Valour, Prudence, Temporance, Liberaltie, Magnificence and Juſtice.

82 Six ſhadowes are often taken for ſubſtance: The ſhadow of Frenchmen, which is Complements, The ſhadow of Learning, which is plauſible Diſcourſe; The ſhadow of love, which are amorous vowes; the ſhadow of Honour, Which is Wealth, the ſhadow of Wit, which are Jeſts: and the ſhadow of Life, which is meere ſhadow.

82 Six things belong to a good fire: a pare of Andiorns, a paire of Bellows, a paire of Tongs, a Shewell, good company, and a pot of Ale.

84. Six things are not reſpected when they are out of date: An old Horſe, an old Hound, an old ſervingman, old Bootes, an old Maid, and an old Almanack.

85 Six things deſerve hanging: wet Cloathes, good Bells, a rope of Onions, a doore on the hookes, a Uſurer, and a Theife.

89 Six kinds of humours are much noted, a merry humour, a melancholly hu-

humour, a prodigall humour, jealous humour, a ſcorning humour, and a dull ſullen humour.

87 Six things can never be recalled being once miſ-pent: a word from the Mouth, an Arrow from the Bow, Money, Time, Youth once paſt, and a Maiden-head once loſt.

88. Six things declare a true Friend: to helpe one in neceſsity, to ſpeake well of one in abſence, to keep ones counſell, to ſuppreſſe his anger, to give counſell, and be conſtant to the end.

89. Six ſorts of Drunkards, and nere a good one, a ſowiſh Drunkard, a ſheepiſh Drunkard, a loving Drunkard, a goat Drunkard, an apiſh Drunkard, and a Fox Drunkard.

90 Six wayes can never be found out *Via avis* the way of a Bird, *Via navis* the way of a ſhip, *Via vermis* the way of worme *Via ſapientis*, the way of wiſe man. *Via ſagitta* the way of an Arrow, and *Via juvenis*, the way of a young man and maid.

91. Six things are very unſeemly: to drinke with a foule mouth, to cut bread with a foule knife, to feed ſwinishly, to

talke bawdily, to ſcratch ones breech, and to gnaw meat.

91. Six ſweet meats have ſowre ſawce: Pleaſure, Prodigality, Pride, Idleneſſe, Scorning, and Whoring.

93. Six notes to be obſerved in love: to love wiſely, love warily, chaſtly, diſcreetly, vertuouſly and conſtantly.

94. Six things comfort a mans heart: Wine, Company, Good Newes, good Ale, good Clothes, and Money in purſe.

95 Six things are well macht together: A Lawyer and his Clyent, a Maid and her Love, Money and Wit, a blew Coate and a Cognizance, a Phyſitian and his Patient, and a cup o Ale and a Toſt.

96. Six things deſerve no pity: a lazy Begger, a Drunkards head-ach, a counterfeit Cripple, a Prodigall wanting, a Woman weeping, and Gooſe going barefoot.

97. Six things will take a man by the Nose before he be aware: Bottle Ale, ſneezing Powder, Tobacco, Pepper, Muſtard, and ill ſmels.

98. Six things are very ſweet and pleaſant

pleaſant Food to a hungry man, drinke to a thirſty man, ſleep to a weary man health to a ſick man, the ſhore to a ſea man, and Money to a poore man.

99. Six heads are very good meat: A Pigs head, a Rabbets head, a Lambes head, a ſheeps head, a Calves head, and a Cods head.

100. Six things are very head-ſtrong: A head ſtrong horſe, an unruly childe, an unruly Young-man, a Tempeſt at Sea, a Cuckold and a Bull.

101. Six notes doe ſhew a vertuous minde: to live temperately, to love ones friend faithfully, to ſpeake courteouſly, to deale honeſtly, to beare Adverſity patiently, and to follow goodneſſe conſtantly.

102. Six outſides are more faire and beautifull then their inſides: A faire Whore, a painted Tomb, a guilded Cup, a rotten Nut, the barke of a Cinamon tree, and a Gallant in a new ſuit.

103. Six good Diſhes in a countrey houſe are alwaies in readineſſe: a piece of Bacon, a piece of hung beefe, White Meats, Cake and Cheeſe, Pudding and Sowſe.

104 Six Birds doe haunt and frequent Country house: a Martin, a Swallow, a Robin-red-breſt, an owle a Daw and Dove.

105 Six things are great wasters of time: Eating, drinking, sleeping. Tobacco taking. Discourling, and Idlenesse.

106. Six things are hard to doe: To row against the streame, to run against a hill, to force a woman against her will, to kick against thornes, and to strive against a great man.

107. Six Caps are of great note: the schollers Cap, the tradesmans Cap, the seamans Cap, the night Cap, the fooles Cap. and the fudling Cap.

108. Six Touchstones doe try six severall qualities: Money is the Touchstone of Honesty, Temptations of beauty, Adversity of Patience, Prosperity of wisedome, Necessity of Friendship, and Time of Truth.

109. Six Dishes belong to a married mans table; three of flesh, and three of fish; a Tongue. a Dotrell, a Rayl, a Pout, a Carb, and a Carpe.

110 Six notes for a wise man: To beare

beare injuries to moderate his passions to bestow his gifts warily: to deale honestly, to live cheerfully, and dye willingly.

111. Six things are good to the end a good Man, a good tale, a good friend, a good Booke, a good Play, and a good Pudding.

112. Six things are very pleasing to the five senses, good cheere, and good drinke to the tasting, Money to the sight, musick to the eare, flowers to the smell, scratching to the leg to the touch and to kisse a Maid.

113. Six empty things are never good: Empty Braines, empty Barnes, empty Pots, empty Platters, empty Pockets, and empty purses.

114. Six Buts do spoile six good conditions: A faire Maid, but unchast, an honest man but poore; a good Tayler, but a thiefe; a good workman, but an ill husband; a good huswife but a scould; a kind natured man but a Cuckold.

115. Six dayes, three good, and three bad belong to a married man: the three good are, his wedding day, the Christining day, and her buriall day: the three

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bad are washing dayes, scouring dayes, and scolding dayes.

116. Six bad wayes of being betweene; betweene two Serjeants to sit b tweene two doors, to halt betweene two opinions to bee betwee[illegible] a Whores armes, betweene a paire of foul sheetes, and beteewneHawke and Buzzard.

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